## Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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## Recognizing October 24, 2013 as Food Day in Minneapolis

**Whereas,** Food Day is a nationwide celebration and a movement for healthy, affordable, and sustainable food; and,

Whereas, sharing meals as a family can help children improve academic achievement and language development and reduce risks of childhood obesity and substance abuse; and,

**Whereas**, organizations across the City of Minneapolis are encouraging Minneapolis residents to pledge to share a meal with families or loved ones on October 24<sup>th</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, Mayor R.T. Rybak will join Minneapolis Public School students for a meal at Howe School on October 24<sup>th</sup> to highlight the importance of healthy, affordable and sustainable food for Minneapolis residents, and to celebrate the healthy new food options at the Minneapolis Public Schools; and,

**Whereas**, the University of Minnesota will be celebrating Food Day with an event in the Great Hall of Coffman Memorial Union, which will include exhibits, food demonstrations and tasting sessions, a "foodie" photo competition, local co-op and farmers market displays and a Real Food photo booth; and,

**Whereas**, the City's Homegrown Minneapolis initiative works to expand our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods; and,

**Whereas**, in 2009 the City of Minneapolis established a Minneapolis Food Council to help the city develop policies and strategies to improve the growing, processing, promotion, distribution, consumption and composting of healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods in Minneapolis; and,

**Whereas**, the City of Minneapolis has adopted goals to increase the proportion of adults at a healthy weight, and increase access to healthy foods;

## Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis recognizes October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as Food Day in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis encourages all Minneapolis residents to sign the Pledge to Eat Together, and to share a meal with their families or loved ones on Food Day.